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Re Proposed Agenda for Interview
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Please review the attached official correspondence.

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PROPOSED AGENDA FOR INTERVIEW

As requested by the examiner responsible for this application, the Applicant's representative respectfully submits the following topics as a proposed agenda for the interview scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2006. The Applicant's representative believes that a meeting about the following topics will advance the prosecution of this application.

The Applicant's representative wishes to discuss the '000 application, in particular independent claim 1 and 20. The present invention relates generally to an occlusion device for the closure of physical anomalies, such as a patent foramen ovale. Both claims 1 and 20 contain an anchor member that "comprises a generally cylindrical member split along the central portion of its length to form an elongate oval." One benefit of this configuration is the increased size and surface area of the anchor member, which results in the anchor providing pressure to a larger area of septal tissue. This provides for improved closure of the patent foramen ovale.

The Applicant's representative believes that it would be beneficial to discuss relevant teachings of U.S. Pat. No. 5,853,422 issued to Huebsch et al. (the "Huebsch" patent). The Applicant understands that the Examiner considers the Huebsch patent to disclose, in Fig. 3,

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"anchor members comprising a generally cylindrical member that is split along the central portion of its length to form an elongate oval." Figures 2-4 show a generally cylindrical member that is compressed longitudinally.

Further, the Applicant's representative would like to discuss the relevant teachings of U.S. Pat. No. 5,284,488 issued to Sideris (the "Sideris" patent). The Applicant understands that the Examiner considers the Sideris patent to disclose "an open configuration with a large anchor member surface area, which would improve dislodgement resistance of the closure device." Sideris discloses a "buttoned device," noting that all components are described in U.S. Pat. No. 4,917,089. (Col. 2, lines 48-53). The '089 patent discloses an occluder made of polyurethane foam with a diameter 10mm more than the diameter of the defect and a skeleton wire securely stitched to the foam. (Col. 3, lines 7-11). Sideris also discloses a "double disk device," which includes a disk made by "skeleton wire sutured on polyurethane or woven material disk." (Col. 3, lines 1-7).

Finally, the Applicant's representative believes that a full discussion of the distinctions between the present claims of the '000 application and the Huebsch patent and the Sideris patent would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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